

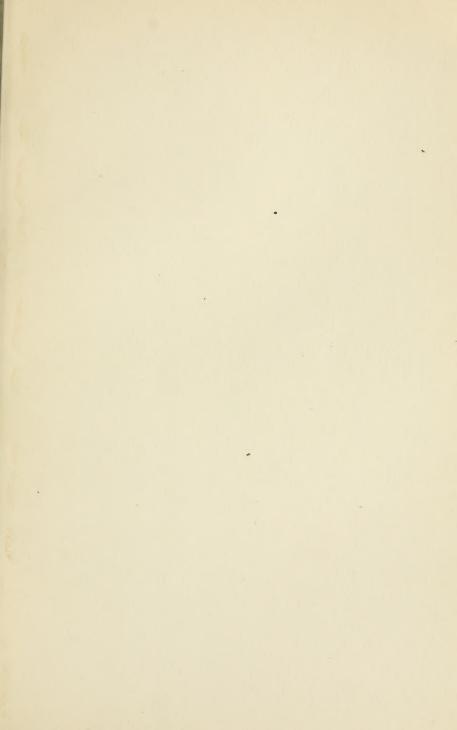
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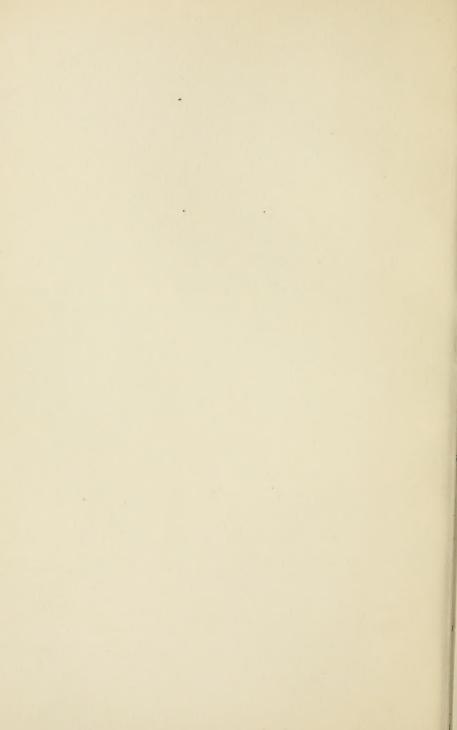
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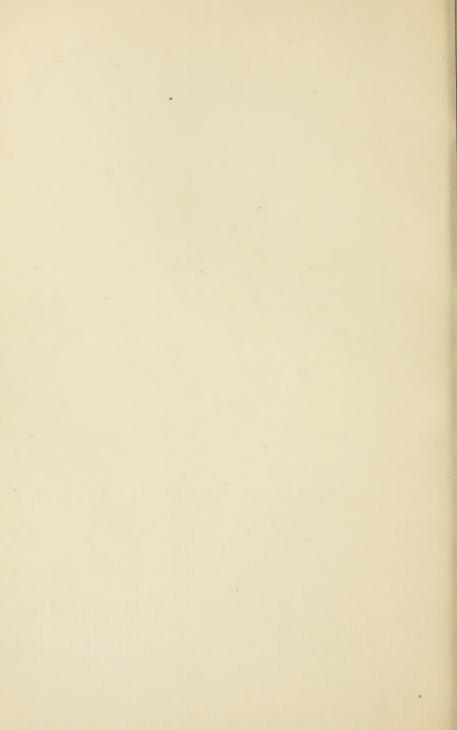




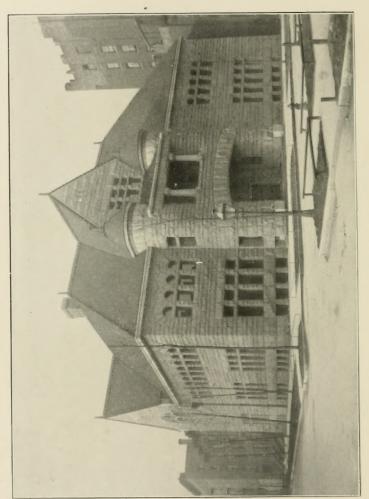












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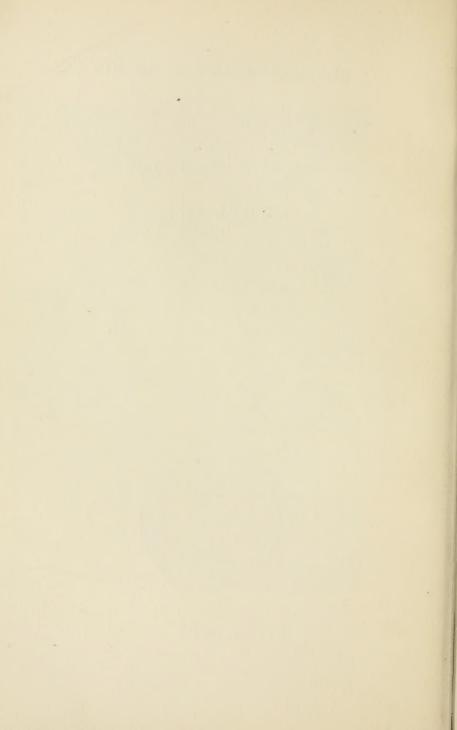
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## CHARTER.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, it is conducive to the public good of a State, to encourage such institutions as have for their object to collect and preserve the memorials of its founders and benefactors, as well as the historical evidences of its progress in settlement and population, and in the arts, improvements, and institutions which distinguish a civilized community, and to transmit the same for the instruction and benefit of future generations:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That Wm. H. Brown, William B. Ogden, J. Young Scammon, Mason Brayman, Mark Skinner, Geo. Manierre, John H. Kinzie, J. V. Z. Blaney, E. I. Tinkham, J. D. Webster, W. A. Smallwood, V. H. Higgins, N. S. Davis, Charles H. Ray, S. D. Ward, M. D. Ogden, F. Scammon, E. B. McCagg, and William Barry, all of the City of Chicago, who have associated for the purpose aforesaid, be and are hereby formed into and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the "Chicago Historical Society," and that they and their successors, and such others as shall be legally elected by them as their associates, shall be and continue a body politic and corporate, by that name, forever.

SEC 2. Said Society shall have power to elect a President, and all necessary officers, and shall have one common seal, and the same may break, change and renew at pleasure; and, as a body politic and corporate, by the name aforesaid, may sue and be sued, and prosecute and defend suits, both in law and equity, to final judgment and execution.

SEC. 3. The said Society shall have power to make all orders and by-laws for governing its members and property, not repugnant to the laws of this State; and may expel, disfranchise, or suspend any member, who, by his misconduct, shall be rendered unworthy, or who shall neglect or refuse to observe the rules and by-laws of this Society.

SEC 4. The said Society may, from time to time,

establish rules for electing officers and members, and also times and places for holding meetings; and is hereby empowered to take and hold real or personal estate, by gift, grant, devise, or purchase, or otherwise, and the same, or

any part thereof, to alien and convey.

SEC. 5. The said Society shall have power to elect corresponding and honorary members thereof, in the various parts of this State and of the several United States, and also in foreign countries, at their discretion: *Provided*, however, that the number of resident members of said Society shall never exceed sixty; and William H. Brown, or any other person named in this act, is hereby authorized and empowered to notify and call together the first meeting of said Society; and the same Society, when met, shall agree upon a method for calling further meetings, and may have power to adjourn from time to time, as may be found necessary.

Sec. 6. Members of the Legislature of this State in either branch, and Judges of the Supreme Court, and officers of State, shall and may have free access to said

Society's library and cabinet.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 7, 1857.

#### AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, APPROVED FEBRUARY 7, 1857.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That section five (5) of the act, to which this is an amendment, be so amended that said Society shall have power to increase the number of its resident members, from time to time, to any

number that shall by it be deemed expedient.

SEC. 2. The said Society shall have power to borrow money and mortgage its real estate to secure the same, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, to be used in completing and paying for the buildings now in process of erection on the real estate of said Society. And the real estate and property of said Society shall be exempt from taxation.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 30, 1867.

### CONSTITUTION.

Adopted, 1856.
Revised, November 29, 1870.
Amended, January 16, 1883.
Again Revised, November 21, 1893.

#### ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECTS.

This society shall be called the CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Its object shall be to institute and encourage historical inquiry, to collect and preserve the materials of history, and to spread historical information, especially concerning the Northwestern States.

#### ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. This Society shall be composed of Life, Annual, Honorary, and Corresponding members, all of whom shall be elected by ballot only at a regular meeting of the Society, and only upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, unless, by unanimous consent, they shall be elected by a viva-vocc vote cast at a regular meeting by twenty legally-qualified voters. Three adverse ballots or three dissenting votes shall reject the candidate.

SEC. 2. The dues for membership shall be as follows: For Life-membership, five hundred dollars; and for Annual membership, twenty-five dollars per annum; the first year's dues being payable within one month after election to membership, and notice of such election.

SEC. 3. The right to hold office and vote, and to take any part in the proceedings of the Society, shall be accorded to and may be exercised only by the members of the two classes first hereinbefore named.

### ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, and an Executive Committee, consisting of the President of the Society, ex-officio, who shall be the chairman thereof, and eight others, all of which aforenamed officers shall

be members of the Society, and also a Treasurer, a

Librarian, and a Secretary.

SEC. 2. The President and Vice-President shall be elected by ballot at the annual meetings for one year, and shall respectively remain in office until the election of their successors.

They shall perform such duties as are common to such officers or as may be prescribed in the By-Laws. Vacancies occurring from any cause in any of these offices may be filled by ballot at any special meeting, notice of such election being given in the notice of such meeting.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meetings, two members of which shall, from the time of the first election hereunder, hold their office until the next annual election of officers; two of them until the second such election; two of them until the third such election; and two of them until the fourth such election. The terms for which the first members so chosen at the first election shall hold their office, shall be determined by lot immediately after such election.

SEC. 4. At each annual meeting thereafter there shall be elected by ballot two persons to fill the places vacant by the expiration of the term of those heretofore elected as members of the Executive Committee, and of those who shall hereafter be elected such members.

On the expiration of the term of any of the members of said committee, their successors shall be elected by

ballot for the term of four years.

Vacancies in the Executive Committee during an unexpired term, caused by death, resignation, removal from office, or inability to act, may be filled by a majority of the remaining members of said committee, until the succeeding annual election, at which time such vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as members of said committee are elected for the full term of their office.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee, constituted above, shall alone hold, manage, administer, and control all the money, property, effects, and affairs of the Society: and said committee may appoint a Treasurer, a Librarian, a Secretary, and such assistants and employes in the service of the Society as to said committee may seem fit; and may prescribe the duties and fix the compensation of such officers, assistants and employes; and

said committee may make investments of the Society's funds, provided that no fund bequeathed to or held by the Society for a specific purpose shall be appropriated to or used for any other purpose, and provided further that said committee shall not incur any liability on the part of said Society in any one year which shall exceed its annual income; and it shall be the duty of said committee to make an annual report to the Society of all its acts and doings.

#### ARTICLE IV.

#### MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other business relating to the affairs of the Society shall be held on the third Tuesday of November in each year, and the fiscal year of the Society shall begin with each such annual meeting and end on the following annual meeting thereof.

SEC. 2. The regular meetings shall be held at such times and conducted in such manner as shall be prescribed in the By-Laws and directed by the Executive Committee, provided no such regular meeting shall occur at the same time with the annual meeting.

SEC. 3. At the annual meetings not less than twenty members having the right to vote, and at the special business meetings not less than ten such members

shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. Special meetings and special business meetings may be called by the President, or, in case of his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents, of which due notice shall be given at least two days beforehand.

### ARTICLE V.

#### AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered by a two-third vote at any annual or special business meeting; provided that not less than twenty members having the right to vote shall be present when such vote is taken; and provided, further, that the printed or written proposition to so alter shall have been submitted at a previous annual or special business meeting, and that notice of the proposed amendment or amendments shall also have been given in the notice of the meeting at which it shall finally be acted upon.

### BY-LAWS.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ART. I. SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee, and call such special meetings and special business meetings as he may deem necessary, or as he may, in writing, be requested to call by five members of the Society.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the case of the absence of the President from the meetings of the Society or from Chicago.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee may adopt such rules for their own action not in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, as they may find most convenient and necessary.

SEC. 4. All nominations to membership shall be submitted to the Executive Committee, and reported

upon by them to the Society.

#### MEETINGS.

ART. II. SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Tuesday of each of the following named months, to-wit: January, April and October.

SEC. 2. The annual meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of November, the precise hour in the case of this and all other meetings of the Society being designated by the President and stated in the notice of the meeting.

SEC. 3. The exercises of the regular and special meetings of the Society shall be under the direction of the Executive Committee, and in general conformity

with the objects of the Society.

Sec. 4. The order of business at the special business meetings of the Society shall be as follows:

- Reading the minutes of the next preceeding business meeting.
- 2. Reports of Officers.
- Reports of Committees.
   Election of new members.
- 5. Deferred business.
- 6. New business.

SEC. 5. The order of business at the annual meeting of the Society shall be as follows:

. Reading the minutes of the next preceding meet-

ing.

2. Reports of Officers for the year terminating at the annual meeting.

3. Reports of Committees and Trustees.

4. Election of Officers.

5. Election of new members.

6. Deferred business.

7. New business.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

ART. III. SECTION 1. The dues of the annual members of the Society shall be payable annually in advance

on the third Tuesday of November in each year.

SEC. 2. Should the dues of any member remain unpaid for the space of one month, the Executive Committee shall notify him in writing, that unless his dues are paid within one month from the date of such notice his membership shall cease, and unless such dues are paid pursuant to such notice, or such default is accounted for to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee, such person shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Society.

#### SUSPENSION AND AMENDMENTS.

ART. IV. The By-Laws in whole or in part may be suspended during any special business or annual meeting, by vote of a majority of the members present at any such meeting. The By-Laws may be amended on the same conditions prescribed for amending the Constitution.

# REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 21, 1905.

The annual meeting of the Chicago Historical Society was held in the Reading Room of the Society's Building, corner of Dearborn avenue and Ontario street, on Tuesday evening, November 21, 1905, pursuant to

notice given and as ordered by its Constitution.

The evening was characterized by a novel feature, marking a breaking away from the somewhat tedious routine of former annual meetings. This consisted of an exhibition of some of the Society's most valuable accessions acquired during the year, arranged by the Committee on House and Collections with the assistance of the Librarian. Portraits of two former Governors of Illinois, and of prominent citizens of Chicago now deceased; French manuscripts of 17th and early 18th centuries relating to Illinois; early local maps; views of pioneer buildings; Columbian Exposition art publications; souvenirs of Chicago's pioneer Volunteer Fire Companies; original Broadsides issued at the time of the 1871 Fire; a fragment of Marquette's coffin; the Diploma of the Interational Jury of Awards conferring a gold medal upon the Society for its Historical Collections exhibited at the Louisiana Purchase Exhibition, St. Louis, 1904,all mentioned elsewhere in this Report, were sufficient in number to transform the east half of the Reading Room into a veritable art gallery and museum. For an hour before the calling to order, and for nearly as long after adjournment of the meeting, the members appeared to derive much pleasure from examining and commenting upon the priceless treasures thus exhibited.

At the appointed hour President Head called the meeting to order, the following members being present: Eliphalet W. Blatchford, Joseph T. Bowen, Alfred C. Bryan, Frederick W. Bryan, Clarence A. Burley, Thomas Dent, Albert Dickinson, George H. Fergus, Eugene H. Fishburn, Lucius G. Fisher, Waltfr L. Fisher, Charles F. Gunther, Franklin H. Head, Samuel H. Kerfoot, Jr., Ezra B. McCagg, George Merryweather, Walter C. Newberry, Frederick M. Schmidt, Otto L. Schmidt, Lambert Tree, also the Secretary and the Librarian; President Head in the

chair.

THE PRESIDENT announced that a quorum was present, and that the first order of business was the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting. Mr. Burley moved that inasmuch as the minutes had been printed and distributed to the members the reading be dispensed with. The motion was duly seconded by General Newberry and carried.

THE PRESIDENT called for the next order of business,

the Reports of Officers.

Mr. Kerroot announced that in pursuance of Gen-ERAL NEWBERRY'S excellent suggestion, made at the last annual meeting, the Executive Committee had caused the annual reports to be printed in pamphlet form and that they were now in the hands of the members present: that the originals of these reports would be presented, but not read, at this meeting, and would be published in detail in permanent form in the Society's Year Book. These pamphlets, he said, would spare the members the ordeal of listening to a mass of statistics and figures, and vet afford them instant opportunity of reading, at their leisure, the interesting and instructive accounts of the Society's finances, and records of its accessions and achievements during the year. This statement was received with manifestations of satisfaction and approval by the members.

The Secretary then presented the following:

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 21, 1905.

To the Members of the Chicago Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN:—In conformity with the Society's Constitution, the Executive Committee has the honor to submit its annual report to the Society as follows:

### FUNDS.

During the year now ending the bequests of \$5,000 by ELIAS T. WATKINS and \$1,000 by T. MAURO GARRETT have been paid into the treasury. The Society's funds, therefore, now consist of eight special funds and a general fund.

THE HENRY D. GILPIN FUND (\$65,342.11, as per their report) is under the exclusive care and management of

trustees appointed under the will of Henry D. Gilpin. The income from this fund, as paid to the Society by said trustees, is applied entirely to the maintenance of the Gilpin Library. The present trustees are Clarence A. Burley, Eugene H. Fishburn, Walter L. Fisher and Erskine M. Phelps, and the President and first Vice-President of the Society, ex officiis. A full statement of this fund is given in the report of these trustees, presented herewith on page 353.

THE JONATHAN BURR FUND consists of a legacy o \$2,000 from the late Jonathan Burr, the income to be used in payment of printing the Society's publications. It is invested in twenty-one lots in the Town of Calumet, acquired in settlement of a note secured by trust deed on said lots. The account is as follows:

Available balance on hand, Nov. 15, 1904.\$127.30 Paid taxes on property...... 10.08

Available balance on hand, Nov. 21, 1905.\$117.22

THE PHILO CARPENTER FUND consists of a legacy of \$1,000 from the late Philo Carpenter, the income to be devoted to binding books and periodicals. It is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The account stands as follows:

Available balance on hand, Nov. 15, 1904.\$111.62 Received interest on fund............ 55.00 \$166.62

Paid premium and interest on bond.... 82.50

Available balance on hand, Nov. 21, 1905. \$84.12

THE T. MAURO GARRETT FUND consists of \$1,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late T. Mauro Garrett and is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The premium and accrued interest on the bond was advanced out of the General Fund and is in part still due it. The following statement shows the amount paid out and the amount due the General Fund:

Premium and interest on bond advanced

by General Fund......\$ 82.50 Rec'd semi-annual interest Sept. 1, 1905. 25.00

Balance due General Fund Nov. 21,1905.\$ 57.50

THE HUNTINGTON WOLCOTT JACKSON FUND is a bequest of \$1,000 from the late Huntington Wolcott Jack-

son. It is invested in a \$1,000 five per cent bond of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The following statement shows the condition of the fund:

Available balance on hand Nov. 15,1904.\$ 33.64

Received interest during the year..... 55.00 \$ 88.64

82.50

\$1381.94

Paid premium and interest on bond....

Available balance on hand, Nov. 21, 1905. \$ 6.14

THE LUCRETIA POND FUND, being the proceeds of a bequest of real estate to the Society by Lucretia Pond, consists of a principal of \$13,500, the income to be used in the purchase of books, pamphlets and documents, or pictures and paintings of historical interest.

The Porter and Welch note for \$7,750 has been paid

in full and the Fund is now invested in:

Four \$1,000 four per cent South Side Elevated Railroad Bonds.

Eight \$1,000 five per cent People's Gas Light

and Coke Company's refunding bonds.

One \$500 four per cent Atchison, Topeka and

Santa Fe Railroad bonds.

The balance of said Fund, to wit: \$1,000 is now deposited in the Savings Department of the Merchants' Loan and Trust Company as a special fund, drawing three per cent interest payable semi-annually. The account of this fund stands as follows:

Available balance on hand, Nov. 15, 1904.\$230.66

Received interest during the year..... 590.00 \$ 820.66

Paid out for books and period-

icals . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$656.16

advanced from Gen'l Fund. 567.78

Premium and interest on bonds,

Balance due General Fund, Nov. 21, 1905. \$561.28

THE ELIZABETH HAMMOND STICKNEY FUND consists of a legacy of \$5,000 from the late Elizabeth Hammond Stickney, the income to be used in maintaining the Stickney Library and making additions thereto. It is invested in five \$1,000 general mortgage, four per cent bonds of the Atchison, Topcka and Santa Fe Railway Company. The account of this fund stands as follows:

Available balance on hand, Nov. 15,1904.\$632.80	•
Received for interest coupons 200.00	\$832.80
Paid for Dilg manuscripts	200.00

Available balance on hand, Nov. 21, 1905. \$632.80

THE ELIAS T. WATKINS FUND consists of \$5,000 bequeathed to the Society by the late Elias T. Watkins. The full amount was received in February, 1904, and is invested in five \$1,000 five per cent bonds of the Commonwealth Electric Company. The premium and interest on the bonds was advanced out of the General Fund, a part of which is still due the General Fund. The following statement shows the amount due the general fund: Premium and interest on bonds advanced

from general fund......\$412.50 Rec'd semi-annual interest Sept. 1, 1905. 125.99

Balance due General Fund, Nov.21, 1905.\$287.50

THE GENERAL FUND, from which the general expenditures of the Society are made, is derived principally from the annual dues of members, together with such gifts as are made from time to time without special restrictions. The account of this fund stands as follows:

### GENERAL FUND

NOVEMBER 15, 1904, TO NOVEMBER 21, 1905.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand, Nov. 15, 1904 \$4,85	22.04
	70.00
	00.00
	49.00
Donations in the transfer of t	59.15
	\$12,200.19
	\$12,400.19
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Salaries \$4,1	58.90
Repairs and betterments 23	38.02
Books and documents 1,6	47.28
	70.10
	01.06
Special assessment, paving Dear-	02.00
Special assessment, paving Dear-	79.33
	19,33
Interest and premium advanced on	
bonds for special Funds 9	06.28
	99.22
	\$12,200.19

### TRIAL BALANCE.

### NOVEMBER 21, 1905.

RECEI	PTS.
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Dr.	Cr.
General Fund	\$227,399.22
Jonathan Burr Fund	2,117.22
Philo Carpenter Fund	1,084.14
Huntington W. Jackson Fund	1,006.14
Henry D. Gilpin Fund	65,342.11
Lucretia Pond Fund	13,500.00
Elizabeth H. Stickney Fund	5,632.80
T. Mauro Garrett Fund	1,000.00
Elias T. Watkins Fund	5,000.00
Bills Receivable 1,000.00	
Bonds 25,500.00	
Merchants' Loan and Trust Co.	
Savings Account	
*Real Estate 227,000.00	
Trustees Henry D. Gilpin Fund. 65,342.11	
Cash	

\$322,081.61 \$322,081.61

\*Society's building and land, \$225,000; Trowbridge subdivision lots, \$2,000.

#### DIGEST OF TRIAL BALANCE.

Cash.	Bills Rec'ble	Bonds	M. L. & T. Co. Savings Dept.	Real Estate	Trustees Gilpin Fund	TOTAL
\$1,300 22				\$225,000		\$227,399.22
		1,000		2,000		2,117.22 1,084.12
6.11		1.000				1,000.00
			* 000		65,342.11	65,342,11
		5,000	1,000		1	13,500.00 5,632.80
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The Treasurer's Annual Report appears on pages 354 and 355.

In the absence of Mr. William A. Fuller, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, the Secretary presented, and, in pursuance of Mr. Fuller's request, read, the Report of the Auditing Committee, as follows:

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of Orson Smith, Treasurer of the Chicago His-

torical Society, for the year ending November 21st, 1905, and the vouchers for every payment.

We find the same correct and the money and securi-

ties as reported.

(Sign ed) WILLIAM A. FULLER, Auditing Committee. C. F. Gunther. Chicago, November 20, 1905.

On motion of Mr. Blatchford, seconded by Mr. Merryweather, the report of the Auditing Committee was received, approved and ordered placed on file.

The foregoing report shows that the Society is entirely tree from debt and that its work is systematized and being carried on with zeal. During the year the several Trust Funds have been withdrawn from Savings Bank and invested in approved bonds thus increasing their income. The paving of Dearborn Avenue necessitated the payment of nearly \$900 from the General Fund. and the purchase of valuable collections, elsewhere mentioned, has further reduced this Fund; but the balance on hand, added to the dues for the approaching year, is sufficient to warrant confidence in the carrying out of the Executive Committee's hopes and plans. The experiences of the year serve to emphasize the existing necessity for an increased annual membership, and material additions to the Society's endowment funds, to insure not only perpetuity to the Society's existence but to render possible a less circumscribed field for its labors.

In repeating its expressions of gratitude for the gifts and bequests of the Society's friends during the past, the Executive Committee earnestly trusts that the noble examples thus set may inspire the members with pride, and stimulate their interest in aiding the Committee to fulfill its hopes for the future.

### MEETINGS.

During the past year few meetings of the Society have been held, but they have been attended by large audiences. The following special meetings have been held:

December 23, 1904, the Rev. Father A. E. Jones, S. J., Archivist of St. Mary's College, Montreal, Canada, gave an exhibition of Jesuit documents from that

library, and an informal address on the travels of the early Jesuit Fathers and the topography of the Huron Country. Among the rare treasures exhibited were eight volumes of the original Jesuit Relations and Marquette's

diary and original map.

December 28, 1904, by invitation of the Executive Committee a joint meeting of the American Historical Association and the American Economic Association was held in the Society's building at 8 p. m. at which President Head presided. Two addresses were read, the first by Professor Taussig, of Harvard University, President of the American Economic Association, on "The Present Position of the Decline of Free Trade," the second, written by Professor Goldwin Smith, President of the American Historical Association, on "The Writing of History," was read by Professor Benjamin S. Terry of the University of Chicago, in the absence of Professor Smith. Following the reading of the addresses, the members of the two associations were given a reception by this Society.

January 3, 1905, at a special meeting of the Society Norman Dwight Harris, Ph. D., Professor of History in Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, spoke on

"Negro Servitude in Illinois."

January 20, 1905, Dr. Edwin Doak Mead, Director of the Old South Work, Boston, Mass., addressed a special meeting of the Society on "The Work of Washington in Opening up the West."

On February 21, 1905, Mr. Frank R. Grover, of the Evanston Historical Society, spoke on "Some Indian

Landmarks of the North Shore.'

### MEMBERSHIP.

During the fiscal year closing to-day the Society have added to its roll (including the members elected this evening), one life member, twenty annual members, two honorary members and ten corresponding members, as follow:

LIFE MEMBER

BENJAMIN NICODEMUS BOND

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Alfred C. Bryan Frederick William Bryan John Charles Bryan William James Calhoun

THOMAS H. CANNON IACOB MACGAVIC DICKINSON IOSEPH HARRIS IAMES NEVINS HYDE GEORGE SNOW ISHAM CHARLES HENRY McCONNELL THOMAS C. MACMILLAN CHARLES A. MAIR EDWARD MORRIS HENRY CRITTENDEN MORRIS WILLIAM PATRICK REND ALEXANDER H. REVELL JOHN LOUIS SHORTALL IAMES WALSH Frederick Latimer Wells Mary Iane Hawes Wilmarth

# HONORARY MEMBERS

JOSEPH E. GARY JOHN FRANKLIN JAMESON

## CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

CHARLES FREDERICK BOND
EDWARD ROGERS BOND
MARY ESTHER BOND
SHADRACH CUTHBERT BOND
THOMAS WILLIAM BOND
AUGUSTUS LOUIS CHETLAIN
WALTER BOND DOUGLAS
ARTHUR EDWARDS JONES
WILLIAM AUGUSTUS MEESE
ELIZA LUCRETIA BOND WATSON

During the same time eight annual members have resigned and death has taken from us two life members, three annual members, one associate member, three honorary members, and two corresponding members.

The following is a summary of the present membership by classes:

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Honorary life members	-
Life members 25	5
Annual members180	)
Honorary members	
Corresponding members 82	7

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The list of those who have gone from us has been increased during this year by the addition of eleven names, as follow:

WILLIAM WALLACE KIMBALL, annual member since 1898, died at his residence, 1801 Prairie Avenue, December 16, 1904, of heart failure. Mr. KIMBALL's career is typical of many of Chicago's business men. He was born in Oxford County, Maine, in 1826. He received a common school education, and after some time in a country store drifted to Boston. In 1852, he started West intending to go to California, but when he reached Chicago he decided to remain. After five years spent as a salesman selling organs, he started in the business for himself. Seven years later he decided to make his own organs, although he continued to sell Eastern made organs. With the decline of the popularity of the parlor organ MR. Kimball began to manufacture pianos. In fifteen years the work has increased until it is to-day the largest piano manufactory in the world. Mr. KIMBALL was a prominent member of the Chicago Club.

Perry Austin Armstrong, corresponding member since 1903, died of cancer at his home in Morris, Illinois, December 23, 1904. Mr. Armstrong was born in Licking County, Ohio, April 15, 1823, and came to Illinois with his widowed mother and brothers in 1831. He entered Illinois College in 1843 but before he completed his course he left college to organize a company for the Mexican War. In 1847 he was a delegate to the River and Harbor Convention that met in Chicago, and served with Abraham Lincoln on the committee on permanent organization. He filled many local offices, was clerk of Grundy County Court, a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1862, and of the legislature in 1863. He was a war democrat and took an active part in organizing the State's forces for the War. He was the author of "The Sauks and the Black Hawk War." His study of the history of this war led him to take a leading part in raising funds to erect a monument to the noble Shabbona.

HENRY WILLIAM BLODGETT, honorary member since 1881, died at his home in Waukegan, Illinois, February 9, 1905. Death resulted from old age and was not unexpected. JUDGE BLODGETT was born in Amherst, Mass., July 21, 1821, and was in his 84th year at the time of his

death. He moved to Illinois with his parents in 1830 and settled on the DuPage River in what is now Will County. Here the family lived during the exciting times of the Black Hawk War, and until 1836, when they moved to what is now Downers Grove. In 1838, young BLODGETT, then fifteen years old, returned to Amherst Academy and there studied engineering for three years. Failing to find employment in engineering when he returned to Chicago, he taught in one of the first schools established in this city. After working for a short time as one of the engineers on the Chicago and Michigan Canal, he began to study law with Col. Richard J. Hamilton, and in 1842 entered the office of J. Y. Scammon and Norman B. Judd, then one of the best known law firms in the West. In 1844 he was admitted to the bar and established an office in Waukegan. In 1851 MR. BLODGETT secured the charter for the Chicago & Milwaukee Railroad, now the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and took a prominent part in its construction and management, serving as director and president. Mr. BLODGETT was elected to the State Legislature in 1852, on the anti-slavery ticket. He served two terms in the House and in 1858 was elected to the State Senate. During the ten years succeeding, he served as solicitor for the Chicago and Northwestern, the Michigan Southern, the Fort Wayne and the Rock Island railroads and acquired a reputation as a railroad attorney. In 1869 he was appointed by President Grant to the judge-ship of the U.S. District Court of Northern Illinois, where he served for twenty-two years. Before him practiced as attorneys such men as Roscoe Conkling, Robert G. Ingersoll, Chief Justice Fuller, Lyman Trumbull, John N. Jewett and Matthew H. Carpenter. When the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was organized in 1891, Justices Harlan and Gresham named JUDGE BLODGETT as the third member, but he resigned this place when he was appointed one of counsel before the Behring Sea Tribunal of Arbitration. With the part taken in this dispute JUDGE BLODGETT ended his public career and spent the last ten years in private life in Waukegan.

Rt. Rev. William Edward McLaren, S. T. D., D. C. L., honorary member since 1878, died in New York City, February 19, 1905, of heart failure. He was born December 13, 1831, at Geneva, N. Y., where his father

was pastor of the Presbyterian Church. He was reared in the strict teaching of his father's creed and was gradnated from Jefferson College in 1851. He soon after joined the editorial staff of the Cleveland Plaindcaler and three years later that of the Pittsburgh Gazette Chronicle. In 1860 he was graduated from the Allegheny Theological Seminary and went as missionary to Bogota. Returning, he became pastor of the Second Church of Peoria where he remained till 1867, when he went to Detroit as pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. In 1871, he resigned his charge, joined the Protestant Episcopal Church, was made a priest in October, 1872, and spent three years as rector of Trinity Church, Cleveland. In 1875 he was chosen Bishop of Illinois, and when the diocese was divided in 1883 he was chosen first Bishop of Chicago, since which time his life and work have been identified with the growth and prosperity of the Diocese over which he presided.

MRS. JESSIE BROSS LLOYD, life member since 1870, died of pneumonia, in Boston, February 28, 1905. Though born in Orange County, N. Y., MRS, LLOYD was in every sense a Chicago woman, for she came here with her parents in 1848, at the age of four years. She was married to Henry D. Lloyd on Christmas Day, 1873. Her life since then has been in sympathy with her husband's work in unceasing efforts toward practical philanthropy.

GEORGE CLARKE WALKER, life member since 1869, died suddenly at his residence, 228 Michigan Avenue, April 12, 1905. Mr. Walker was born in Cooperstown, N. Y., 1832, and came to Chicago at the age of eleven years. He was educated in Beloit College and Brown University. When he became of age he engaged in the grain business with his father and brothers under the firm name of Walker & Sons. He was eminently successful, amased a large fortune, and retired ten years ago. Mr. Walker was well known for his public spirit and was prominent in many enterprises. He was a charter member of the Board of Trade, a member of the first commission that laid out the plan of Chicago Parks; he was a trustee of the University of Chicago and gave to that institution the museum which bears his name; he financed one of the northern research expeditions of Robert Kennicott, the naturalist, and with Mr. Kennicott founded the Academy of Sciences which now has its home in the Matthew Laflin Memorial Building in Lincoln Park. Mr. Walker was a member of the Chicago Club, the Commercial Club, Lake Geneva Country Club, the Calumet Club and the Chicago Golf Club.

Julius Rosenthal, annual member from 1869 to 1888, member of the Executive Committee from 1874 to 1878, and corresponding member since 1888, died at the Union League Club, May 14, 1905, death resulting from injuries received from being knocked down by a passing cab, the day before. Mr. Rosenthal was born in Germany, in 1828, and was a graduate of Heidelberg University. He came to Chicago in 1854, and was admitted to the bar in 1860. He remained in active practice from that time till his death, and was considered an authority on real estate and inheritance laws. He was a member of the Union League Club, and of the American, Illinois and Chicago Bar Associations. He was one of the founders of Sinai Temple, was prominent in Jewish charity and religious work, and was chairman of the Board of Directors of the German Old People's Home. He was a member of the first board of directors of the Illinois State Bar Association and also the first Public Library Board. He served as public administrator of Cook County for twenty years.

SAMUEL DEXTER WARD, an incorporator of the Society, annual member 1856-60, treasurer 1856-58, honorary member since 1896, died March 4, 1905, at his residence in New York City, death resulting from complications of a neuralgic character. Mr. WARD was born in Hadley, Mass., November 7, 1821, and received his education at Hopkins Academy, located there. He went to Boston at the age of nineteen years and later came to Chicago. For seven years he was in partnership with Benjamin W. Raymond, engaged in the hardware business. In 1857 "Long John" Wentworth, Mayor of Chicago, appointed Mr. Ward to organize the office of city comptroller, which had just been created by act of the Legislature. He served as Comptroller for five years. When the office of collector of internal revenue was created in 1862, he was given charge of the office and retained the position for four years. For many years after this he was associated with Hon. John Wentworth in real estate matters and held various offices of trust. In 1863 he moved to

Lake Forest and became identified with all its interests. He was trustee and treasurer of the Presbyterian Church and of the University, and during his twenty-eight years of residence there continued his business in Chicago.

MRS. MARGARET MARIA O'DONOGHUE, the sole surviving associate member of the Society, departed this life at her residence, 3623 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, November 1, 1905. She was born in New York City, January 18, 1821, and had attained the age of 84 years. She was married to Patrick O'Donoghue, Sept. 18, 1844. He was an auctioneer and commission merchant, on Lake Street. His death occurred July 25, 1851. Their only son. William Horace O'Donoghue, took a course of legal study and adopted the business of a printer, doing legal printing, in which, up to near the time of his death a number of years ago, he was highly successful. Mrs. O'Doxoghue was a loval friend of the Society, and one of her last instructions was that her annual dues for the current year be sent to the Secretary. She left no immediate relatives or family connections other than her daughter-in-law, Mrs. S. Ella O'Donoghue, daughter of the late Gen. Robert W. Smith.

ADOLPH Moses, annual member since 1903, died at Asheville, North Carolina, November 6, 1905, death resulting from paralysis. Mr. Moses was born in Speyer, Germany, February 27, 1837, where his early education was received. At the age of fifteen years he decided to study law and sought America as the field of his future activities. He landed in New Orleans December 22, 1852, and soon afterward entered the Louisiana University where he concluded his literary education and began the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1860. When Louisiana seceded he joined the Confederate Army and was appointed Captain of the 21st Louisiana Regiment and served to the close of the War. After the War he came north and settled in Ouincy, Illinois, but came to Chicago in 1869, where he has resided ever since. His rise in his profession was rapid as is shown by the fact that ten years after his arrival in Chicago he received the Democratic nomination for Judge of the Superior Court. Mr. Moses was a member of the American, the Illinois and the Chicago Bar Associations. In 1897 he was President of the Illinois Association. For six years he was a director of the Public Library and the acquisition

of the present site was largely due to his efforts. He was the originator of the John Marshall Centennial Celebration, February 4, 1901; and he was the founder of the National Corporation Reporter, a journal devoted to corporations, law and finance. He was a member of the Iroquois and Standard Clubs. In 1903, he was a member of the B'nai B'rith delegation sent to Washington to lay the facts of the Kishinev Massacre before President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay.

LUTHER M. DEARBORN, annual member since 1903, died at his place of residence, 175 Goethe Street, Nov. 8, 1905. It is believed that death was caused by a fall on the stone steps. Mr. Dearborn was a distant relative of General Dearborn, and was born at Geneva, Illinois, August 5, 1858. He was educated in Racine College and at the Harvard Law School, graduating from the latter in 1883. He was admitted to the bar in Chicago in 1884, but subsequently moved to Aurora where he lived ten years. For ten years past he has lived in Chicago. Mr. Dearborn was a member of the 37th, 38th, and 39th general assemblies of Illinois, and at one time a member of the State Court of Claims. He was a member of the Illinois State Historical Society and the Press Club.

# DONATIONS.

DR. OTTO L. SCHMIDT gave two hundred and fifty dollars in part payment of the cost of the French manuscripts purchased of Walter C. Wyman; and fifty dollars in part payment of the Dilg collections.

MR. CHARLES A. PLAMONDON, for the Chicago Centennial Committee, donated one hundred dollars to be used in connection with the removal of the old Cahokia Court House to a site in Jackson Park, Chicago.

DR. BENJAMIN N. BOND, of Bellingham, Washington, son of Shadrach Bond, first Governor of Illinois, gave three large framed oil portraits of his father, his mother, and his uncle, Benjamin Bond.

An oil portrait of Anton C. Hesing, was presented by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Washington Hesing.

MRS. WILLIAM BLAIR gave an oil portrait of her husband, the late William Blair, who was an annual

member from 1858 to 1899, and made liberal contributions to the Society's buildings erected in 1868 and 1896.

A marble bust of George H. Laflin was presented by his heirs.

A marble bust, executed by Volk, of Charles Walker, was received from Mrs. Mary Morris Walker, widow of George Clarke Walker, his son.

MRS. CHARLES B. FARWELL, a few days before her death, donated to the Society a marble bust, by Taft, of her husband, the late Charles B. Farwell, a life member of the Society.

MRS. W. W. GORDON, (NELLY KINZIE) presented handsome photographs, framed together, of the "old Kinzie house" and the "John H. Kinzie house" built in 1836.

Mr. Joseph S. Martin presented to the Society an oil portrait of John P. Altgeld, Governor of Illinois.

A framed engraving of Dr. Nathan Smith Davis was given by his son, Dr. Nathan Smith Davis, Jr.

CHARLES H. McConnell gave three large paintings by Edgar Cameron, decorations used at the First Chicago Centennial, 1903, marked by appropriate name-plates, respectively, "Chicago's First Post Office," "Fort Dearborn, 1803," and "Kinzie House, 1831."

From C. J. WALTER was received a colored photograph of Dr. Philip Maxwell, assistant surgeon at Ft. Dearborn, from February 23, 1833, to December, 1836.

An old framed engraving called "Jolly Flat Boatmen," was given by Mrs. Gurdon S. Hubbard.

From Mrs. E. C. Ward was received a framed lithograph entitled "Chicago in 1820."

B. C. Sammons presented to the Society a framed photograph of twenty-five U. S. deputy revenue assessors of 1863.

Mr. John L. Shortall presented to the Society a large framed grouped photograph of about five hundred members of the Chicago Bar Association.

A collection of 102 post cards with Chicago views was given by Dr. O. L. Schmidt.

A series of thirty-three original etchings by Ralph Wilder, framed and appropriately marked with brass

plates, "Chicago's History," were presented to the Society by SWIFT & COMPANY.

THOMAS A. O'SHAUGHNESSY gave to the Society's collections a piece of wood, said to be a piece of the coffin of Father Marquette, and two old coins picked up on the site of old Kaskaskia.

MISS VALENTINE SMITH gave to the Society eleven early bank bills and a Harrison and Tyler badge of the campaign of 1840.

Two rafters from the old Green Tree Tavern were presented by Periolat Brothers through Mr. W. H. GALE.

THOMAS BUCKLEY gave to the Society a framed diploma granted to him by the Chicago Mechanics Institute, September, 1858, for the best lightning rod; also, a large photograph of the last run of the Volunteer Fire Company, Centennial Day, September 28, 1903.

The Librarian's Report mentions many valuable gifts to the Library.

# PUBLICATIONS.

Since the last annual meeting there have been published and distributed to the members of the Society, and to the institutions corresponding with the Society, the following phamphlets:

"Year Book of the Society, 1904-05," with report of the annual meeting, November 15, 1904.

"Some Indian Landmarks of the North Shore," an address read before the Society, February 21, 1906, by Mr. Frank R. Grover, of the Evanston Historical Society. Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

JAMES W. FERTIG,

Secretary.

MR. FISHBURN moved that the report of the Executive Committee be received, approved and placed on file, and that its reading be dispensed with inasmuch as it was already printed and in the hands of the members present. On being duly seconded by MR. BLATCHFORD, the motion was put and carried.

The Librarian's report was then presented as follows:

# LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

# To the Executive Committee of the Chicago Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit my report as Librarian of the Chicago Historical Society for the year ending November 21, 1905.

# Attendance -

The number of visitors to the library and collections exclusive of attendance at special functions, such as receptions, lectures, etc., is as follows:

	READERS Men Wemen		VISITORS Men Women		TOTALS
1st quarter,	68	33	170	. 84	355
2nd quarter,	94	23	200	118	435
3d quarter,	64	27	261	142	494
4th quarter,	94	20	202	168	484
	320	103	833	512	1,768

Total Readers, 423 Total Visitors, 1,345

Applications filed for books record 1,154 volumes specifically called for. A classification of the application blanks shows the relative demand in the different classes of works to be as follows:

No.	volumes
Chicago history, geography, etc	456
Illinois history, geography, etc	206
Chicago and Illinois newspapers	123
"Old Northwest" and Mississippi Valley	66
Biography	44
Manuscripts	42
Indians and antiquities	36
General and miscellaneous works	178
	1154

Increasing appreciation of the work which this Society is doing in collecting the original records and relics of the past in the Central West is constantly evinced by the writers and special students who find here abundant material for special investigations along the lines which a wise foresight on the part of the original founders of this Society had marked out for it. Numerous requests

for information, for publication, as to the contents of the library have been received during the year. Among the requests responded to at some length are the *Hand-Book of Chicago Librarics*, published by the Chicago Library Club, and the new volume of the *Encyclopedia of Illinois History*, by Paul Selby. In the former publication the description of this library is accorded ten pages of text, and two illustrations, this being one of the five large libraries treated.

Among the visitors who have signed the Register during the past year are an unusual number of descendants of early residents of Illinois, notably:

Benj. L. Bond, great-grandson of Shadrach Bond. Mrs. E. K.Carroll, grand-daughter of John Marshall, Illinois Territorial Judge, and daughter of Henry Eddy, of Shawneetown.

Mr. Warren Griggs, of Peru, Indiana, great-grand-

son of Capt. William Wells.

Mr. J. B. Aveline, lineal descendant of Little Turtle, whose daughter was the wife of Capt. Wm. Wells. Mrs. Martha Heald Johnson, grand-daughter of

Capt. Nathan Heald.

Mr. Samuel A. Graves, of Geneva, N. Y., who came to Chicago, in 1835, a lad of fourteen, to visit his Uncle Hiram Hugunin, traveling by stage and canal boat. Mr. Graves' recollections of the appearance of the Chicago of that day as he viewed it with youthful eyes were very interesting. Hiram Hugunin was the third president of the village.

Mr. A. V. H. Kimberly, and Mrs. Zoe M. Prindiville, son and grand-daughter of Dr. E. S. Kimberly.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gilpin, cousins of Henry D. Gilpin.

Among well known historical writers visiting the library were George Burton Adams, Clarence W. Bowen, C. M. Burton, Walter B. Douglas, J. Franklin Jameson; R. F. Arthur E. Jones, S. J., Archivist of St. Mary's College, Montreal; F. Keutgen, Jena; John Bach McMaster, Edwin Doak Mead, Paul Milyonkov, St. Petersburg; Thomas W. Owen, Ettore Pais, Italy; Ezra M. Prince, Herbert Putnam, E. C. Richardson, Dunbar Rowland and Frank S. Severance.

# Cataloguing-

There have been catalogued 2,739 volumes for which 3.503 cards have been typewritten for the new catalogue, and 1.818 new entries added to the old catalogue. The total number of cards in the new catalogue is 15,658. Additions and corrections were furnished for the new edition of the List of Scrials in Public Libraries of Chicago, which is about to be published at the expense of The John Crerar Library. The portrait index now contains 11,584 entries.

The constant demands made upon the library for views of ante-fire buildings, etc., has shown the wisdom of the card index of views, undertaken some time ago. This index covers the subjects of buildings, bridges, churches, parks, and streets and contains at date 2,841 cards. It will be expanded to include views of historic sites in Illinois.

# Exhibition-

The one special exhibition held during the year, it will be remembered, was that in honor of the American Historical Association, during its Chicago meeting, December 28 to 30, 1904. At that time the Society was so fortunate as to be able to assemble for the study and pleasure of its guests a loan collection of several important exhibits of historical material from the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. This loan exhibit, opened by an elaborate reception tendered to the visiting historians, consisted of the following:

- I. Jesuit Historical Collections selected from St. Mary's College Archives, Montreal, Canada, including Father Marquette's original manuscript Map and Journal of his explorations in the Mississippi Valley.
- II. Loaned by St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo., a collection of original manuscripts relating to the missionary labors of Father de Smet, also an oil portrait of De Smet.
- III. Loaned by Missouri Historical Society, a collection of original official documents relating to the transfer of Upper Louisiana, 1803-4.

- IV. Special Exhibits by Chicago Historical Society: A. Original editions of journals of explorers of Mississippi valley. B. Maps showing the development of cartography of Mississippi Valley, 1529-1822. C. Fac-similes of documents and portraits exhibited at Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, 1904.
- V. Exhibited by Mr. Edward E. Ayer: A large collection of unique books, maps and manuscripts on the Philippine Islands. (Not exhibited at St. Louis.)

This collection of priceless documents (of which a complete catalogue was published by the Society) was doultless the most valuable that has ever been assembled for a loan exhibition under the roof of any private institution in the Mississippi Valley, and could hardly have been secured but for the co-operation of Mr. Pierre Chouteau, of St. Louis, and the absolutely fireproof character of the massive building of the Chicago Historical Society. Reverend Father Jones, S. J., the distinguished Archivist of St. Mary's, was daily at the library during the three weeks that the collection was on exhibition here.

The Diploma of the International Jury of Awards, conferring the Gold Medal upon this Society for the excellence of its exhibition of historical material at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, was recently received. Aside from the distinction conferred, the beauty of the allegorical decoration of the document, the work of Will H. Low, makes it an object worthy of preservation for all time in the archives of the Society.

It gives me pleasure to report that owing to the recommendations of this Society, the ancient Church of the Holy Family, at Cahokia, has been allowed to remain standing. Others have become interested in its preservation, the Marquette Council of the Knights of Columbus having contributed one hundred dollars to make immediate repairs, and plans are now being perfected looking to a permanent organization which shall make the care of the old church perpetual. In this matter Judge E. O. Brown, Mr. S. H. Kerfoot, Jr., and Mr. T. A. O'Shaughnessy have been active.

# French Manuscripts-

The year nineteen hundred and five may well be marked with a red letter in the annals of this library because of the acquisition of a collection of manuscripts more extensive. and richer in its bearing upon the French regime in the Mississippi Valley, than the one known as the Mason Papers, acquired in 1894, through the efforts of the late Edward Gay Mason, then President of the Society. I refer to a collection of 206 documents and letters in the French language bearing dates from 1635 to 1817. purchased in October last, as the result of a half year's investigation and negotiation on the part of Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, who for seven years has been an active member of the Committee on Libraries. Through the efforts of Dr. Schmidt these manuscripts were obtained at one-tenth of the original value placed upon them. As there were no meetings of the Executive Committee during the summer it became necessary for Dr. Schmidt to pay one-sixth of the total price agreed upon, in order to obtain an option for two months to purchase the volumes. When the purchase was finally ratified by the Executive Committee, Dr. Schmidt with characteristic generosity made a donation of the sum already advanced. .

These documents are handsomely mounted in two folio volumes and the greater part of them are furnished with typewritten transcripts in French as well as translations into English. The collection in the main pertains to every-day business life in the Central West in the seventeenth century. and not infrequently side lights are thrown upon characters which we are accustomed to view less intimately. A case in point is that of Jolliet, the companion of Father Marquette, who appears as defendant in a partnership settlement. One of the first documents in the collection is a decision rendered by several lawyers by which "Louis Jolliet, Habitant of Ouebec", is sentenced to render an accounting of the fur business carried on by himself and his late brother Adrien, to Jeanne Dodier, wife of the deceased, and to her new husband, Maturin Normand, called Beausoleil, and to pay to her certain peltries, blankets, cravats and canoes, which belonged to the partnership, but which had been appropriated as personal property. The same to be accompanied "with a copy of the memoirs which

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he will make thereof to replace the one which he states to have been lost in his last wreck. . . . Done at Ville Marie, 7 July, 1674." Can this "last wreck" be the one in which Jolliet's map and journals were lost? This seems probable for Dablon in his Relation of August 1, 1674, says: "We cannot this year give all the information that might be expected regarding so important a discovery, since Monsieur Iolliet, who was bringing to us the account of it, with a very exact chart of these new countries lost his papers in the wreck which befell him. This occurred below the Sault St. Louis, near Montreal, after he had passed more than forty rapids; he could hardly save his own life. However, you will find herein what we have been able to put together after hearing him converse, while waiting for the relation, of which Father Marquette is keeping copy." Signatures of numerous members of the Jolliet family including the above mentioned Adrien cover the period from 1682 to 1749.

The earliest signatures in the collection are those of nine of the founders of Three Rivers, the second settlement in New France, 1635. Following these in 1665, are numerous mission ries to the Hurons, among them the martyrs Simon Lemoine and Lèonard Garreau, also Jèrôme Lalemant the uncle of Gabriel the martyr; Claude Allouez, S. J., Vicar General of the Northwest, and the successor of Marquette at the Kaskaskias; Nicholas Perrot, noted Indian Agent; Jean-Baptiste Talon, Second Intendant of New France, signature 1668; Claude Dablon, S. J., Superior General of New France, and editor of Relations of the fathers as well as of Marquette's and Jolliet's Narratives.

Notwithstanding the great interest of the foregoing, probably a greater value will be attached by historians to a set of papers which follow them. These are grants, deeds, partnerships and other instruments, legal and commercial, which laid the foundation for the discoveries and settlements of LaSalle and his followers in the Mississippi Valley. The first of these has a peculiar interest for this Society in that it takes precedence in point of time of the manuscript in the Mason Collection known and revered as "The First Illinois Deed," executed April 1, 1693, either at Chicago or Ft. St. Louis, by which François de la Forest conveyed to Michel

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Acau one-half the Illinois country granted to him and his partner Tonty. The new acquisition antedates the above by ten years, being dated April 6, 1683. It is a feudal grant upon rents by Robert de la Salle to Jacques Bourdon, Sieur d'Autray, of a strip of land 126 arpents long and 47 arpents deep, "beginning at the brook on the banks of which we wintered in ascending along the River of the Illinois," adjoining Fort St. Louis, "in acknowledgment of the services that he rendered, as well in the discovery of Louisiana, as in the construction of Fort St. Louis, where he served well and performed his duty with honor. . . . With the obligation of fealty and hommage, which shall be rendered by the said Jacques Bourdon, Sieur d'Autray, his successors and assigns . . . and to pay for each year, on the day and feast of St. Louis, the sum of one denier de cens for each arpent and five sols of seigniorial rents for the whole farm." The manuscript continues through four closely written folio pages to prescribe the terms upon which D'Autray may hunt, fish, trade with the Indians and keep pigeons (droit de colombier) and is signed with a flourish. De la Salle. It will be be remembered that only four days before the drawing up of this document, April 2. 1683, LaSalle had written, from his Rock of St. Louis, that touching letter to La Barre expressing the hope that he should have from him the same support as from Count Frontenac.

Jacques Bourdon was the son of the well known surveyor. Jean Bourdon, Sieur d'Autray, and one of LaSaile's most trusted lieutenants, for it was he to whom was confided the honor of commanding one of the three companies into which LaSaile divided his force for performing the last stage in the discovery of the Great River. He himself took the western outlet, Tonty the middle one, and D'Autray the eastern. In the signatures to LaSaile's declaration of possis in in the name of Louis of France and Navarre, April 9, 1032, we find the name of Jean (Jacques) Bourdon, Sieur d'Autray, preceded only by those of LaSaile, Zenobe, Tonty, and Boisron et. Pierre Prudhomme, one of D'Autray's four partners mentioned in the document, was

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the gentleman for whom LaSalle named a fort to soothe his injured feelings after having been lost nine days in the forest during the descent of the river. Thus did the great commander strive to keep peace.

It seems rather singular that these two waifs of 17th century real estate transactions in Illinois, executed ten years apart, both relating to Fort St. Louis, later called Starved Rock, and both involving the most trusted companions of the great LaSalle, should have found permanent anchorage in the 20th century, in the library of the same institution, and at periods little more than ten years apart.

The next documents of importance are two perhaps only second in interest to the above. The first of these is a grant of land at Fort Arkansas written entirely by the hand of Tonty, and signed by him as "Lord of Tonty Island and of the River of the Arkansas, Captain of Marine, Governor of Fort St. Louis." To judge by the curious chirography it was his iron hand that executed the above. The second bears the date 1723 and is an agreement made by Alphonse de Tonty and other heirs of the late Henry de Tonty to allow to the widow of his late partner De la Forest, her share of money granted in favor of the estates of the said partners. to reimburse them for the expenditures of their private funds "in the construction of the forts Pimitouy. The Rock. and Checagou." This Fort Checagou must certainly have antedated the one said to have been built here by Durantave in 1685, and which Tonty himself says was commanded by that officer when he arrived here in the fall of 1685, for Tonty was not building forts in this part of the country later than this date. May we not conclude from this that Fort Dearborn was the third to occupy this site?

Space will not permit more than an enumeration of some of the succeeding signatures, among them Du l'Hut, La Tourette, Prudhomme, Le Sueur, Durantaye, Ailleboust (Commander at Chicago), Laurent, St. Cosme, Louis XV., Cadillac, Alphonse de Tonty, Longueuil, Iberville, etc.

## Donations --

Among the many donations to the Library during the year the following are worthy of special mention, being particularly pertinent to the field of the Society:

#### MANUSCRIPTS.

Signature of Morris Birkbeck. The gift of EDWARD F. LEONARD.

Original Draft of Address to the Anarchists, Oct. 9, 1886, by JUDGE JOSEPH E. GARY; Chicago, 1886. The gift of the author, through Caroline M. McIlvaine.

Old "Volunteer" Fire Department, Washington Engine Company, No. 10. Check-book of the above Company, 1856-8. The gift of Mr. Thomas Buckley. Mr. Buckley recalls many interesting reminiscences connected with the bills paid by these checks, as follow: Check No. 1, Jan. 2, 1856, to expense of lighting and heating Rice's Theatre, \$28.25, on the occasion of a benefit for the Company by which four hundred and twenty dollars were realized. Mr. Rice donated the use of the theatre. Check No. 18, Feb. 4, 1856, to N. Reis for hauling engine with team to fire, \$1.00. In this case there were not enough men on the drag-rope. Check No. 53, July 16, 1856; to Captain Wilson, \$206.00, for use of Steamer Lady Elgin to transport the Company to Racine and return. Captain Wilson lost his life in trying to save his passengers in the disaster to his vessel, Sept. 8, 1860, when four hundred were lost. Check No. 84, April 6, 1857, to one for crackers and cheese. A fire occurred on Lake near Franklin St. at 11 p. m. during a blizzard and snow on the ground to a depth of 18 inches. Men worked with engine until next day noon, when Foreman Schank ordered Secretary Buckley to furnish some refreshments. Secretary Buckley ordered P. J. Bishop (Steward) to purchase refreshments. The best he could obtain were some crackers and cheese which he purchased at Henry Schoellkoof's store, Randolph St. near Franklin. It should not be forgotten that this was a volunteer department paving all of its expenses from private funds while in the savice of the city. Among the deceased memhers of that department may be mentioned A. S. Sherman, Luther Nichols, H. H. Magee, P. F. W. Peck, C. N. Holden,

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S. B. Cobb, Stephen F. Gale, Augustus II. Burley, U. P. Harris, Dennis Swenie, J. K. Botsford, Silas McBride. Among the surviving members are Charles R. Vandercook, George Smith, Gray O. Smith, Moses W. Powell, Mathias Benner, Jas. E. Schreiner, Dewitt H. Curtis, J. J. O'Neill, John Sweney and Thomas Buckley.

Nomination of Lieutenant James S. Swearingen, of the Corps of Artillery to the post of Paymaster, signed by C. J. Wall, Washington City, March 31, 1808, endorsed by Henry Dearborn, "Lt. Swearingen is well suited to the proposed office," and approved by Thomas Jefferson. The gift of Marian Scott Franklin, of Chillicothe, O., a great grand-daughter of Col. Swearingen, who conducted the soldiers of Captain Whistler's command from Detroit to Chicago to build Fort Dearborn, 1803.

Freight bill of Michigan Central Railroad Co., dated Chicago, November 29, 1854. The gift of C.GILBERT WHEELER.

Receipt of Stoddard to Delassus for full possession of Upper Louisiana for the French Republic, March 9, 1804, photo-facsimile. The gift of JUDGE WALTER B. DOUGLAS.

Marquette's Journal, 1674-5, photographs of two pages of manuscript. The gift of Thos. A. O'Shaughnessy. These and the following photograph were made from the original at the time of the St. Mary's Archives were on exhibition in this library, December, 1904.

Marquette's Map, 1673-74. photographic-facsimile, exact size. Photograph from original. The gift of DR.O. L. Schmidt.

Map of Old Canalport, showing site of Marquette's Cabin, 1674-5, at Junction of Robey St. and the West Branch. The gift of the author, Mr. Ossian Guthrie.

Official signatures of Governors of Illinois, Secretaries of State of Illinois, and County Clerks of Cook County, 1876-1900. Typewritten copy of Will of the late Elias T. Watkins, bequeathing to the Society the sum of \$5,000. The gifts of Mr. Samuel H. Kerfoot, Ir.

#### CHICAGO IMPRINTS AND HISTORY.

"Chicago with the School Section, Wabansia and Kinzie's Addition, Comp. from Four Original Surveys as Filed in the Cook County Clerk's Office," by Joshua Hathaway, Jr. [1834]. The gift of Mr. Geo. W. Cobb.

Chicago—Department of Public Instruction, "Fifteenth Annual Report of the Board of Education, for the Year Ending July 3, 1869," Chicago, Church, Goodman and Donnelley, pr., 1869. "Seventh National Exhibition by the United States Agricultural Society, to be Held in the City of Chicago, September 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th, 1859," Chicago, 1859. "Fifteenth Annual Report of the Board of Education for the Year Ending July 3, 1869," Chicago, 1869. The gifts of Mr. Thomas Dent.

"History of Municipal Law in Illinois," by Wm. L. Gross, Chicago, 1861. The gift of the AUTHOR.

Two framed broadsides issued October 10, 1871, the day following the Great Fire. The first of these is a proclamation by the Mayor, R. B. Mason, of an ordinance passed the same day by the Common Council, by which it is ordered "That the Price of Bread in the City of Chicago for the next ten days is hereby fixed and established at Eight (8) Cents per loaf of 12 ounces." The penalty for charging a higher rate than the above was fixed at ten dollars. The second of these exceedingly rare prints is issued by the General Relief Committee, and is headed: "To the Homeless" and announces that "All of the Public School Buildines as well as Churches are open for the shelter of persons, who do not find other accommodation." General Relief Committee: R. B. Mason, Mayor; J. H. McAvoy, N. K. Fairbank, W. B. Bateman, Orrin E. Moore, M. A. Devine, John Hertung, C. T. Hotchkiss, Secretary. The gifts of Mr. Byron L. Smith.

Memorials of the Old Chicago Library, Formerly Young Men's Association, and of the Advent of the New Chicago Public Library," Chicago, 1878. Presented by Heirs of the late Thos. D. Lowther, through Mr. George Merryweather.

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## CHICAGO IMPRINTS AND HISTORY.

"History of the City of Chicago, its Men and Institutions," Chicago, 1900. The gift of the CHICAGO INTER OCEAN.

"Little Girl in Old Chicago," by Amanda M. A. Douglas, New York, 1904. Autograph presentation by Author.

"Mr. Salt," by Will Payne, Boston, 1904. The gift of the Author.

"Wau-bun, the Early Day in the Northwest," by Mrs. John H. Kinzie, Chicago, c. 1901. The gift of Eleanor Kinzie Gordon.

"History of Chicago—Re-published from the 'Daily Democratic Press," Chicago, 1876. "Chicago Illustrated, Comprising a Full Description of the City . . . 4th annual ed.," Chicago, 1884. "Rand, McNally & Co.'s Pictorial Chicago," Chicago, c. 1893. "If Christ Came to Chicago," by William T. Stead, Chicago, 1894. "Handbook of Charities," by John Vischer, 3d ed., Chicago, 1897. "The Economist," Chicago, 1904. "Public Libraries," Chicago, 1905. "The Art of the World, Illustrated in the Paintings, Statuary and Architecture of the World's Columbian Exposition," 30 pts., N. Y., 1893. "Chicago and the World's Columbian Exposition," Rev. John Ellis, ed., Chicago, 1805. "Columbian Memorial Songs, Historical Geography and Maps," by Rufus Blanchard, Chicago, 1802. "The Dream City, a Portfolio of Photographic Views of the World's Columbian Exposition," St. Louis, c. 1893. "Harper's Chicago and the World's Fair," by Julian Ralph, New York, 1803. "Official Views of the World's Columbian Exposition," Chicago, 1893. "Rand, McNally & Company's Diagrams of World's Fair Buildings," Chicago, 1893. "Rand, McNally & Company's Handbook of the World's Fair Columbian Exposition." Chicago, 1803. "A Souvenir of World's Fair Women and Wives of Prominent Officials Connected with the World's Columbian Exposition," Chicago, 1802. "The Wonders of the World's Fair," Phil., c. 1894. "Memorial Addresses on John Early, and Henry A. Mills, Delivered in the Senate of Illinois, Wednesday,

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March 12, 1879, "Springfield, 1879. "Life of Gen. Ben Harrison," by Gen. Lew Wallace, Philadelphia, c. 1888. "Memories of a Hundred Years," by Edward Everett Hale, New York, 1994. "Stories of Great National Songs," by Col. Nicholas Smith, Milwaukee, 1899. The gifts of Mr. S. H. Kerfoot, Ir.

"Abstracts of a Report on Illinois Coals," by J. T. Norwood, M. D., Chicago, 1857. "Political Opinions," by a Citizen of the United States, Chicago, Myers & Chandler, 1865. "Proceedings of the Common Council of the City of Chicago for the Municipal Year 1868," Chicago, 1870. "The Manual, a Practical Guide to the Sunday-School Work," by Edward Eggleston, Chicago, 1869. "Cotton Stealing, a Novel," Chicago, 1866. "Between the Gates," by Benj. F. Taylor, Chicago, 1883. "The Parochial School, a Curse to the Church, a Menace to the Nation," . . . by Rev. Jeremiah J. Crowley, Chicago, c. 1905. "Erinnerungsblätter an die hundertste Wiederkehr von Schiller's Todestag," Herausgegeben von dem Comite der Chicago Schiller Gedenkfeier, Mai, 1905, Chicago, 1905 "Chicago Figaro," Volumes 1-5, 1800-02. "Lampicka," a Bohemian Paper, Chicago, 1885-87. The gifts of Dr.O.L. Schmidt.

A valuable collection of selected issues of early newspapers, 1812 to 1840, each number containing some article bearing upon the development of the Central West. Those relating to Chicago in the War of 1812 and the Black Hawk War are particularly interesting. The gift of Mr. Lucius G. Fisher.

Scrap-book of Early Chicago items. The gift of Mr. Chas. Harpel.

A large number of reports of Chicago institutions. The gifts of Mr. George Merryweather.

A set of valuable scrap-books containing clippings concerning early times and people in Chicago, 7 volumes. The gift of Capt. William Alven Calhoun.

The following newspapers continue to donate their bound files to the library: "Chicago Tribune," "Chicago

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#### CHICAGO IMPRINTS AND HISTORY.

Record-Herald,'' "Chicago Daily News,' and "The Inter Ocean." "The Chicago Chronicle," and "The Inter Ocean" donate daily issues.

Grant-Colfax campaign dodger, Republican National Convention, Chicago, May, 1868. Mentions John M. Palmer for Governor. The gift of Mr. CLARENCE BURLEY.

#### ILLINOIS.

"The Illini, a Story of the Prairies," by Clark E. Carr, Chicago, A. C. McClurg & Co., 1904. The gift of Mr. Ogden T. McClurg.

"Narrative of Riots at Alton, in Connection with the Death of Rev. Elijah P. Lovejoy," by Rev. Edward Beecher, Alton, George Holton, 1838. The gift of Dr. Samuel Willard.

Reports to the General Assembly of Illinois, Senate Journal, etc., 1817-85, 15 volumes. The gifts of Callaghan & Co.

"The History of the One Hundred and Fourth Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry, War of the Great Rebellion, 1862-1865," by William Wirt Calkins, Chicago, 1895. The gift of the Thos. D. Lowther Estate, through Mr. George Merryweather.

"Map of Kaskaskia Settlements," from Thos. Hutchins, n. p., n. d. The gift of Rev. Father A. E. Jones, S. J.

"The Beginning of Illinois History," by William A. Meese, privately printed. Photograph of Confederate Cemetery, Rock Island Arsenal, Moline, Ill. Print of Moline in 1857. Print of Rebel Prison on Rock Island, 1865. The gifts of WILLIAM A. MEESE.

"Laws passed by the Third and Fourth General Assemblies of the State of Illinois," Vandalia, 1822, 1825. "Poems," by Robert Goudy, with Tribute to His Memory, by C. G., Springfield, Illinois, 1842. "Illinois State Gazet-

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teer and Business Directory for the years 1864-5," Chicago, 1864. "New Sectional Map of Illinois," pub. by Geo. F. Cram, Chicago, 1874. "History of Greene and Jersey Counties, Ill.," Springfield, 1885. "Memoir of the Title of St. Clair County to the Adjacent Islands, &c., in the Mississippi," by H. A. Garland, Belleville, 1853. Very rare. "Menard, Salem, Lincoln Souvenir Album," Petersburgh, Ill., 1893. "The Town of Pullman, Illustrated, its Growth with Brief Accounts of its Industries," by Mrs. Duane Doty, Pullman, 1893. The gifts of Dr. Otto L. Schmidt.

#### GENEALOGY AND BIOGRAPHY.

"John Keep of Longmeadow, Mass., 1660-1676, and his Descendants," comp. by Frank E. Best, Chicago, 1899. The gift of Mr. Albert Keep.

"Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, 1629-1818," by Thos. Bellows Wyman, Boston, David Clapp & Son, 1879, 2 vols. The gift of the BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, through the John Crerar Library.

"Stebbins Genealogy," by Ralph Stebbins Greenlee and Robert Lemuel Greenlee, 2 Vols., Chicago, 1904. These sumptuous volumes evidently embody the results of many years of expert work in their compiling. The plan of the work may well serve as a model for future genealogists, and the example set in according such a memorial to ancestors is one which if followed by other Chicago people would confer a rich legacy upon future historians. The gift of Mr. RALPH STEBBINS GREENLEE.

"Family Record of Chauncey and Sarah Edwards Calhoun," 1776-1868. Among the descendants of the above are Alven, the father of Captain William A. Calhoun, and John Calhoun, the pioneer printer of Chicago. The great convenience of these old-time genealogical "trees" makes one wish that they were the fashion of today, at least in Chicago, for there is great need here, of a history of the early families of the city for the reason

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that historical sketches of individuals very seldom contain any genealogical data. The gift of Captain William A. Calhoun.

"Biographical Sketches of Distinguished Officers of the Army and Navy," New York, 1905. The gift of Col John Jacob Astor.

"In Memoriam of Frederick William Holls," MCMIV. The gift of Mrs. F. W. Holls.

"Incidents and Events in the Life of Gurdon Saltonstall Hubbard," Chicago, 1888, and five other volumes. The gifts of Mrs. F. M. CRAGIN.

"Theodore Thomas, a Musical Autobiography," ed. by Geo. P. Upton, 2 vols., Chicago, 1905. The gift of Mr. Ogden T. McClurg.

"Writings of Abraham Lincoln, edited by Arthur Brooks Lapsley; with an introduction by Theodore Roosevelt," New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1905, 4 volumes. The above volumes are the first installment of the magnificent eight volume edition of Lincoln's Works, presented by the publishers in acknowledgment of assistance rendered by this Society in the preparation of the work, and for the use of certain manuscripts.

Lincoln Scrap-book. The gift of Mr. Charles Har-

"The Law of Contracts and Promises," . . . by Samuel Comyn, 4th Am. ed., New York, 1835. "A Treatise on Pleading, with a Collection of Precedents," Vol. II., by Joseph Chitty, 7th Am. ed., Springfield, Mass., 1837. These volumes were presented to the late M. T. Shuey and Abraham Lincoln by Judge David Davis, and were studied by them, Lincoln being able to repeat page after page from memory. The gifts of Mr. Chas. F. Shuey.

"Was Abraham Lincoln a Spiritualist?" by Mrs. Nettie Colburn Maynard, Philadelphia, 1891. "Life of Lincoln," by John Locke Scripps, New York Tribune Tracts, No. 6, entered according to Act of Congress, 1860, by Horace

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Greeley & Co. This is known as "the first life of Lincoln" and was published simultaneously by the Chicago Press and Tribune and New York Tribune, at \$20.00 per thousand, "yet not more than a half dozen copies are known to exist," according to Daniel Fish. The above copy was considered a bargain at \$15.00. The gifts of Dr. Otto L. Schmidt.

"The Fame of Abraham Lincoln, Oration Delivered Before the Euepia Debating Society of the Moline High School" by Philip Joseph, Class of '04, Moline, Ill., 1905. One of fifty large paper copies printed for private distribution at the expense of Mr. J. B. Oakleaf, of Moline. The gift of Mr. Oakleaf.

"Abraham Lincoln As Attorney for the Illinois Central Railroad Company." No. 171 of 200 large-paper copies. Edition du luxe on hand-made deckle-edge paper, bound in full seal. This beautiful volume contains a rare portrait of Lincoln and fac-similes of the documents in the cases tried by him for the railroad. The gift of the President of the Illinois Central Railroad Co.

# UNITED STATES, ETC.

"The New Complete History of the United States of America," by John Clark Ridpath, Official ed., Washington, Ridpath History Co., c. 1905, 4 volumes. "Early Settlement of the North-Western Territory to the Close of the Territorial Government, 1816," by John B. Dillon, Indianapolis, Ia., 1854. Very scarce. The gifts of Prop. Chas. W. Mann.

"Story of the Great Seal of the United States; or, History of American Emblems," by B. J. Cigrand, Chicago, Cameron, Amberg & Co., 1903. The gift of the AUTHOR.

"Modern History; or, The Present State of All Nations, describing their respective Situations, Persons, Habits and Buildings," . . . by Mr. Salmon, 3d ed., London, MDCCXLIV., 3 volumes. The gift of Mr. Thomas S. Mc-Clelland.

"New Voyages to North America by the Baron de Lahontan," by Reuben Gold Thwaites, 2 vols., Chicago,

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1905. "From the West to the West," by Abigail Scott Duniway, Chicago, 1905. "Iowa, the First Free State in the Louisiana Purchase, 1673-1846," by William Salter, Chicago, 1905. The gifts of Mr. Ogden T. McClurg.

Tabula Novæ Franciæ, Facsimile de la Carte de l'Ouvrage du P. Ducreux, n. p., 1660. The gift of Rev. Father A. E. Jones, S. J.

"The History of the Medical Department of Transylvania University," by Dr. Robert Peter, Louisville, Ky., 1905. The gift of the Filson Club.

"History of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition," compiled by Mark Bennitt and others, St. Louis, 1905. The gift of Mr. Frank P. Stockbridge.

"Early Wisconsin Imprints," by Henry Edward Legler, Madison, 1904. The gift of the AUTHOR.

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# Donations—(Continued).

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M'Nemar, N. Y., 1846. "A Summary View of the Millennial Church, or United Society of Believers, Commonly Called Shakers," . . . 2d ed., published by the Society, Albany, 1848. "First Across the Continent, the Story of the Exploring Expedition of Lewis and Clark in 1803-4-5," by Noah Brooks, New York, 1901. "A Systematic Treatise on the Principal Diseases of the Interior Valley of North America," by Daniel Drake, M. D., Cincinnati, 1850. "The Forum," New York, March, 1890, Feb., 1897 (14 vols.). "Republican Banner, Jan. 2, 1830 to Dec. 26, 1835, Daniel Weisel, ed., Williamsport, 3 vols. "The Review of Reviews." New York, June, 1893 to Nov., 1894 (4 vols.). And many other works. The gifts of Dr. Otto L. Schmidt.

# Purchases-

The purchases of books and manuscripts for the Gilpin Library have been without exception confined to the particular field of the Society as defined by its Constitution, *i. c.*, "the states made from the old Northwest Territory." In view of the importance of the purchase of the French manuscripts before noted and because a very exhaustive list of minor purchases was enumerated in last year's Report, only a few of the most notable works so acquired this year will be mentioned.

#### MANUSCRIPTS.

The Dilg papers. These manuscripts represent the accumulations of half a life time of laborious effort on the part of their author, the late Carl A. Dilg, to verify the accepted history of the Chicago region and to identify the historic sites mentioned in the journals of the explorers with the correct localities as they are to-day. To this end Mr. Dilg kept a series of field-note books, through a long period of years, in which he recorded the exact physical surroundings of these localities in the vicinity of Chicago, and in addition to this, being a draughtsman of much skill, he made pen-and-ink sketches of the places he visited. As these sketches recorded the minutest details that might in future be useful for purposes of identification they have already become valuable documents from the fact that the encroachment of im-

#### MANUSCRIPTS.

provements has in many instances completely changed the appearance of these places. These papers accompany the purchase by the Society of Mr. Dilg's collection of Indian relics of the Chicago region. The above purchase was negotiated by Dr. O. L. Schmidt.

Sidney Breeze: An Address Delivered at [Vincennes, May 1, 1857], to celebrate the completion of the Illinois section, from Illinoistown to Vincennes, of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad, the great project which was to connect the Central West with the Atlantic Seaboard. The address occupies twelve closely written pages and its eloquence is strongly characteristic of the father of Illinois railroads of whom Thomas Hoyne said: "Nor can an instance be found, in any state, where the history of a single individual is so clearly and closely identified with the origin, development and progress of a commonwealth, through a period of sixty years! Judge Breeze has been acting so conspicuous a part in all that period that to write a history of either the state or the individual the writer must use the same materials."

#### PRINTED BOOKS.

"Laws Passed by the First General Assembly of the State of Illinois, at their second session, held at Kaskaskia, 1819." This volume, said to be the first printed in the state of Illinois, has long been sought as it was the only one of the very rare laws lacking in our set of session laws.

"Notes on a Journey from Virginia to the Territory of Illinois," by Morris Birkbeck, Philadelphia, 1818.

"Geographical Description of the United States with the Contiguous British and Spanish Possessions, with Map Volume," by John Melish, Philadelphia, 1815.

"Pedestrious Tour of Four Thousand Miles Through the Western States and Territories," by Estwick Evans, Concord, N. H., 1818.

#### PRINTED BOOKS.

"New States and Territories, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, North Western, etc., in their Real Characters, in 1818, . . . ." by Andrew Miller, n. p. n. d. Thomas says: "The book is quite a curiosity in its way; we have never seen but this one copy." Rich says the book was printed in Keene, N. II. This copy bears the autograph of the author.

"Missionary Chronicle," 1841-49. Contains reports of missionaries to the Indians in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Missouri.

"Literature of American History," by H. E. Ludewig, New York, 1846. The entire edition of this scarce work was given away by the author, who only received acknowledgment of the gift from thirty gentlemen. This copy contains also the still more rare "First Supplement" of which only thirty copies were printed, presumably to supply to the above mentioned thirty gentlemen.

"Relation et Mémoires Inédits," par Pierre Margry, Paris, 1867. This work recalls that the bust of Margry which stands in a corner of the library was presented to this Society through Judge Lambert Tree, by the widow of the great chronicler of exploration in the Mississippi Valley.

"Life, Letters and Travels of Father P. J. DeSmet, S. J.," by Hiram M. Chittenden and A. T. Richardson, New York, 1904, 4 vols.

Last but by no means least should be mentioned a number of territorial laws of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa territories.

The library was officially represented by the Librarian at the meeting of the Illinois Library Association, which met at Rockford, April 19 to 22, 1905.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE M. McIlvaine, Librarian.

JUDGE TREE moved, seconded by Mr. Dent, that the report be received and referred to the Executive Committee. The motion prevailed.

MR. BURLEY, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Gilpin Fund, presented the following report:

# RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE GILPIN FUND OF THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

From November 15, 1904, to November 15, 1905.

RECEIPTS.
Cash on hand November 15, 1904\$136.93
Jan. 24 Coupons on \$22,500 $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ bonds\$393.75
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Cilvin deceased (4.214.24)
Gilpin, deceased
Surplus \$1,027.77
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CLARENCE A. BURLEY, Trustees
WALTER L. FISHER,
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DR. SCHMIDT moved that the report of the Gilpin Trustees be received and referred to the Executive Committee; seconded by MR. GUNTHER, and carried.

The Treasurer, Mr. Orson Smith, not being present, his report was presented by the Secretary, as follows:

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 21, 1905.

#### RECEIPTS.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand Nov. 16, 1904  Deposits by Secretary\$13,110.24  Porter and Welch note paid8,750.00  Interest on Porter and Welch note Interest on Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Bonds	\$ 5,958.06 \$22,836.94 \$28.795.00
DISBURSEMENTS.	·
Vouchers issued by the Secretary, countersigned by the President \$26,555.50 Balance on hand Nov. 21, 1905 2,239.50 The above balance is made up as follows: General Fund, balance on hand\$1,399.22 Jackson Fund, balance on hand 6.14 Carpenter Fund, balance on hand 84.12 Jonathan Burr Fund, bal. on hand. 117.22 E. H. Stickney Fund, bal. on hand 632.80 \$2,239,50	
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Respectfully submitted,	
Orson Smith,	
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MR. BURLEY moved, seconded by DR. SCHMIDT, that the report of the Treasurer be received and referred to the Executive Committee. The motion was adopted.

The next order of business being the election of officers, Mr. Kerfoot moved to suspend the order of business and proceed at once to the election of new members, so that they might participate in the election of officers. The motion was supported by General Newberry and unanimously carried.

The Secretary then read a list of persons recommended by the Executive Committee for election to membership in the Society, as follows:

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Benjamin Nicodemus Bond

# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

ALFRED C. BRYAN
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JOHN CHARLES BRYAN
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WILLIAM PATRICK REND
JOHN LOUIS SHORTALL

# HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Joseph E. Gary John Franklin Jameson

# CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP

CHARLES FREDERICK BOND
EDWARD ROGERS BOND
MARY ESTHER BOND
SHADRACH CUTHBERT BOND
THOMAS WILLIAM BOND
WILLIAM AUGUSTUS MEESE
ELIZA LUCRETIA BOND WATSON

MR. WALTER L. FISHER moved that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of those present for the election of the persons recommended by the Executive Committee for the several classes of membership. MR. Bowen seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted. The Secretary cast the ballot as instructed and the President declared the persons duly elected.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers. Mr. Kerfoot moved that the President appoint a committee of three to nominate persons for the several offices. Mr. Dent seconded the motion, which prevailed. President Head asked Mr. Kerfoot to state what officers were to be elected and for what terms. Mr. Kerfoot said that a president and two vice-presidents were to be elected for one year; and that two members of the Executive Committee were to be elected to succeed General Walter C. Newberry and Dr. Otto L. Schmidt and serve for four years, and requested that he be not made a member of the nominating committee.

The President then appointed as nominating committee Messrs. Burley, Fisher and Gunther and asked them to retire to another room and select persons to fill the offices.

During the absence of this committee Mr. Kerfoot submitted certain type-written amendments to the Constitution, proposed and recommended by the Executive Committee in pursuance of Mr. Blatchford's resolution adopted at the last annual meeting. At the request of the President Mr. Kerfoot briefly explained the objects sought to be attained by the several changes, notably the

reduction of the number constituting a quorum; the change of beginning of the fiscal year to November 1st. thus giving time for printing Reports before the annual meeting on the third Tuesday in November; the prorating of dues of annual members elected after January 1st; and the restoration of "Honorary Life" membership omitted from the Constitution as amended November 21, 1893. "The restoration of this class of membership (MR. KER-FOOT said) will enable the Society, upon the recommedation of the Executive Committee to record and give fitting and permanent evidence of its gratitude to its generous benefactors by conferring upon them the honorable distinction of election to such membership." In closing Mr. Kerfoot further explained that under the present Constitution final action on the proposed amendments could not be taken until a subsequent meeting, and that printed copies of them must accompany the notice of that meeting.

GENERAL NEWBERRY suggested that it would be well to have these amendments canvassed at this meeting as there might be some opposition to them or some additional amendments submitted.

The proposed amendments, so recommended and submitted, are as follows:

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Resolved:

That the Executive Committee hereby recommend that the Constitution and By-Laws, as printed in Society's 1904-5 Year Book, be amended as follows:

# CONSTITUTION.

- (1) ART. II. Sec. 1. By inserting the words "Honorary Life" after the word "of" in the first line, and substituting the word "twelve" for the word "twenty" in the seventh line of said section.
- (2) By substituting the following for Sec. 2, of Article II:
- "The dues for membership shall be as follows: for Life-Membership, five hundreddollars payable in money, or by services rendered or donations made, and publicly declared by resolution of the Executive Committee to exceed that amount in value to the Society: and for

Annual Membership, twenty-five dollars per annum; the dues for the first fiscal year being payable within one month after election to membership and notice of such election; provided, that when such election shall occur after January first, the dues for the balance of said fiscal year shall be for the proportionate part of the twenty-five dollars, and payable within thirty days after such election and notice.

"Persons who have heretofore made, or shall hereafter make, voluntary contribution of one thousand dollars or more to the Society's funds, or donations publicly declared by resolution of the Executive Committee to be of that value to the Society's collections, may be elected Honorary Life Members, upon recommendation of the

Executive Committee.

"The President and Secretary shall issue a Diploma, under seal of the Society, and certifying the class of membership, to each member elected, upon payment of the dues."

(3) ART. II. SEC. 3. By substituting the word "three" for the word "two" in the third line of said section.

(4) ART. III. SEC. 5. By substituting the word "for" for the word "in" in the thirteenth line of said section.

(5) ART. IV. SEC. 1. By substituting the following for the fifth and sixth lines of said section; to-wit: "shall begin with the first day of November in each year and end with the thirty-first day of the following October."

(6) ART. IV. SEC. 3. By substituting the word "twelve" for the word "twenty" in the first line, and the word "seven" for the word "ten" in the third line of said section.

(7) By substituting the following for Article (Chap-

ter) V.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-third vote at any annual or special meeting; provided that the proposed alterations or amendments shall first have been approved by resolution of the Executive Committee, and that a printed or written copy of the proposed alterations or amendments shall have accompanied the notice of the meeting at which they shall be acted upon; and provided further that not less than twelve members having the right to vote shall be present when such vote is taken."

- (8) By causing Art. I. Sec. 2. to read as follows: "Sec. 2. The Vice-Presidents, in the order of their seniority shall perform" etc.
- (9) By transposing numbers 4 and 5 in Art. II. Sec. 5. thus making "Election of New Members" precede "Election of Officers" at the Annual Meetings; and by striking out "for the year terminating at the Annual Meeting" from number 2 of said Sec. 5.

In the full discussion that followed no opposition developed nor were any additional amendments proposed, and it was resolved, upon motion of General Newberry, seconded by Mr. Fisher, that the amendments be brought before the Society for adoption at its next business meeting.

The Committee on Nominations then presented their

report, as follows:

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The President called for the report of the Committee on Nominations. The Chairman, MR. Burley, present-

ed the following report:

Your Committee respectfully nominates, as their own successors, the officers and members of the Executive Committee whose terms expire at this time, namely:

FRANKLIN H. HEAD, for President. THOMAS DENT, for First Vice-President. LAMBERT TREE, for Second Vice-President.

OTTO L. SCHMIDT and WALTER C. NEWBERRY, for members of the Executive Committee for the term ending November, 1909.

> (Signed) CLARENCE A. BURLEY, C. F. GUNTHER, WALTER L. FISHER, Committee.

MR. BLATCHFORD moved that the Secretary cast a ballot for the election of the persons so nominated for the several offices, and the motion was seconded and carried. The Secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the President declared the nominees duly elected.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Merryweather, seconded by Mr. Gunther, the meeting thereupon adjourned.

James W. Fertig, Secretary.

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